

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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05 JAN 2005A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G01N33/50

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 395 960 B1 (ROMMENS JOHANNA M ET AL) 28 May 2002 (2002-05-28) abstract page 33, column 2	1,6-9,11
X	PRIESCHL E E ET AL: "The murine homolog of TB2/DP1, a gene of the familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) locus" GENE, ELSEVIER BIOMEDICAL PRESS. AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 169, no. 2, 9 March 1996 (1996-03-09), pages 215-218, XP004042904 ISSN: 0378-1119 page 217, right-hand column, paragraph 2; figures 1,2	3,10,11

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	TROUCHE D ET AL: "The CBP co-activator stimulates E2F1-DP1 activity" NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, SURREY, GB, vol. 24, no. 21, 1 November 1996 (1996-11-01), pages 4139-4145, XP002125822 ISSN: 0305-1048 the whole document ---	3,10,11
A	KINZLER K W ET AL: "IDENTIFICATION OF FAP LOCUS GENES FROM CHROMOSOME 5Q21" SCIENCE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE,, US, vol. 253, no. 5020, 9 August 1991 (1991-08-09), pages 661-665, XP001120400 ISSN: 0036-8075 the whole document ---	1-3,6-12
A	LEROY K ET AL: "Increase of adenomatous polyposis coli immunoreactivity is a marker of reactive astrocytes in Alzheimer's disease and in other pathological conditions" ACTA NEUROPATHOLOGICA, vol. 102, no. 1, July 2001 (2001-07), pages 1-10, XP002258600 ISSN: 0001-6322 the whole document ---	1-3,6-12

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 4, 5

Claims searched completely: 1-3, 6-12

Claims searched incompletely: 4, 5

Present claims 4, 5 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. In fact, the claims contain so many options, variables, possible permutations and provisos that a lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear (and/or concise), namely claims 1-3 and 6-12.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 7 and 8 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: 4, 5 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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